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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 4093  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI UAE  
AMEMBASSY DOHA QATAR  
AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU NEPAL  
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PAKISTAN  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT OMAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : PFOR, NP, BA, QA, TC, MU, PK

SUBJECT : NEPAL FOREIGN MINISTER IN BAHRAIN

REF : KATHMANDU 0094 NOTAL

1. NEPALI FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL "INFORMALLY" VISITED BAHRAIN JAN. 12-14, CALLED ON THE AMIR AND THE PRIME MINISTER AND WAS FETED (IN A MODEST LUNCHEON) BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE VISIT, WHICH APPEARED TO BE LARGELY AD HOC, I.E., NEITHER SIDE SEEMED TO HAVE MUCH IN MIND AS TO PURPOSES OF THE VISIT, WENT SMOOTHLY AS IS USUAL HERE. FORTUNATELY FOR ALL CONCERNED, THE NEPALIS APPARENTLY DID NOT ASK FOR LOANS OR GRANTS, BUT RATHER SOUGHT WAYS TO INCREASE TRADE. THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO ESTABLISH INITIALLY WARM FEELINGS ABOUT THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, SINCE THE BAHRAINIS ARE REGULARLY BESIEGED BY THIRD WORLD MENDICANTS WHO MISTAKENLY ASSUME THAT BECAUSE OF BAHRAIN'S LOCATION, IT IS ALSO RICH. THE REALITY IS THAT BAHRAIN IS ON THE MAKE TOO, WITH ITS WEALTHY NEIGHBORS.

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2. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT, THE PARTY WILL CONTINUE ITS GULF TOUR WITH VISITS TO OMAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, QATAR AND POSSIBLY KUWAIT. THE VISIT TO PAKISTAN WAS, IN HIS WORDS, "EXCELLENT" AND THE NEPALIS ARE HOPEFUL OF CLOSER RELATIONS, INCLUDING SOME FURTHER CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT REGARDING PIA.

3. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE VISIT THAT  
BAHRAIN AND NEPAL AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

4. ARYAL MET WITH THE BAHRAINI COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE  
MINISTER WHO IN A LATER CONVERSATION TOLD US THAT HE WAS  
QUITE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPORTING NEPALI  
GROWN BASMATI RICE AS WELL AS CARDAMOMS IF EITHER OR BOTH  
WERE BOTH PRICE AND QUALITY COMPETITIVE WITH INDIA AND  
PAKISTANI VARIETIES.

5. NEPAL'S EXPORTS TO BAHRAIN DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS  
HAVE BEEN MODEST, RANGING FROM \$5-25,000 ONLY ANNUALLY.  
DUE TO THE USUAL MYSTERIES INVOLVED IN PETROLEUM EXPORTS,  
IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DEFINE PRECISELY HOW MUCH  
OIL NEPAL IMPORTED FROM BAHRAIN IN 1975. IN 1976 WE HAVE  
BEEN TOLD, IT WAS "PRACTICALLY NOTHING".  
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